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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Romano GUERMANDI ) Group Art Unit: 1722  
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Application No.: 09/961,436 ) Examiner: James P. Mackey  
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Filed: September 25, 2001 )  
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For: MOLD FOR VULCANIZING A )  
TIRE HAVING A SPECIFIED )  
BELT PROFILE IN THE )  
ABSENCE OF LOAD AND )  
INFLATING PRESSURE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003, the period for response having been extended to October 25, 2003, by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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**Attachments** to this amendment include (1) a replacement sheet of Figs. 4 and 7; (2) a copy of the PTO 1449 Form filed with the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed with the application on September 25, 2001; and (3) a copy of the PTO-stamped postcard indicating the PTO's receipt of the PTO 1449 Form filed with the IDS filed on September 25, 2001.

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